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The Greg Bailey Family  
Greg, Vickie  
Brianna, age 12 and  
Logan, age 5



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Several weeks ago we updated our weather watching friends with information about all the different things which can influence world weather. Several responses were received, including one from a son with a crack about his dad becoming a weather expert now. Far from it, but anyway today we are off in another direction. The Fish and Wildlife folks have announced the headline news that the *vermillion darter* has been placed on the endangered list. This little Alabama minnow reportedly lives only in Turkey Creek (Jefferson County) and for a short distance in both Dry Creek and Beaver Creek where they join Turkey Creek. We sneer at this a bit, remembering the *snail darter* of Tennessee, which ended up not being all so endangered after all when they found them in many other nooks and crannies. You remember the old Snail Darter, the little fish that completely halted the half-completed power dam project. This latest finding could (and probably will) completely halt any additional development in that part of Alabama's most populated county.

It is still anyone's guess what will ultimately come out of this special session of the Alabama Legislature. The education funding crisis the session which was called for or any of a multitude of special interest bills routinely introduced by "committed" lawmakers can cause fireworks. In Alabama you can always count on at least one proposal designed to legalize gambling, one way or another, to be emotionally debated in committee and/or by the entire legislative body. This year is no exception, but possibly the idea has been put to bed for this session.

Well, last week we were bending Senator Jimmy Holley's ear about potential education funding bills to be considered in Montgomery and didn't really like his response, even though he was absolutely right. I guess you puritans could classify our position as "special interest" while Jimmy was trying to "represent all the people." Yet we are not willing to give in yet and sit here ready to pounce on that particular issue if we can ever prove that it can be done our way without crippling or shutting down Alabama's school system.

The Elba levee project is getting closer and closer to becoming a reality! Last week Mayor James Grimes was in conversation with wheels from the Army Corp. of Engineers setting a tentative date for the official ground breaking ceremonies. A bunch of VIP's are expected to join Elba for that activity and thus these dates must be set as soon as possible in advance. Right now Mayor Grimes is looking at a Friday date in late May of 2002 after all the property has finally been purchased. Corp. officials in Mobile have gotten the final okay from Washington, have given all the pre-notifications, then the notifications, then advertised for bids and later opened the bids, etc. Friday fits well with the Washington folks, as they don't miss as much of the debating and legislative voting business by doing the glad handing back home on either a Friday or Monday.

It is a bit amusing that suddenly we are getting an extra surge of fax messages, e-mails, traditional mail, etc. with perfect solutions to funding education, rewriting or not rewriting the Alabama constitution, or whatever the hot subject might be today. It just happens that these additional "perfect solutions" are from Alabama citizens who just happen to be announced candidates for some state office. The higher office they are seeking (i.e. governor) the more solutions they have and are willing to share with us county newspaper folks. It is awful hard to get them to understand that we try to sell advertising space, not give it away under the guise of "news" or "op-ed opinions" from candidates.

Monday, there were computer experts in the offices of The Elba Clipper, installing some new equipment and at the same time giving a routine check-up to the existing machines. Things were going along okay, but like going to a medical doctor, we wanted to prevent any potential problems. Well, things seemed to be going fine, that is until about noon Tuesday! Now we are jumping through hoops, or whatever necessary aid trying to keep something running long enough to finish this week's paper before everything in the building goes haywire. If you get this, it probably means the mission was a success, even though it's an entirely new challenge and one that is changing and/or expanding minute by minute. In theory, the new installation shouldn't have had anything to do with this end of the process, but being human and having absolute no idea why these problems are here, all of us in this office are right now looking at the few pieces of equipment out of the corner of our eye and scowling. It wouldn't take much right now to yell for the truck that delivered it and send the whole thing packing, along with our troubleshooting experts who just yesterday declared our heart was pumping perfectly and on all cylinders.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period from December 10, 2001, through December 16, 2001. They were: Susan Keith, Arthur Ott, Alicia Caldwell, Jeanette Brockton, Bessie Fillingham, Jimmie Belcher, Evelyn Leverett, Michael Berry, Annie Pearl Bell, Erica Wilkerson, Betty Goodwin, Andrew Hanson, Larry Burks, Donald Flowers, Ronnie Parker, Cassie Marler, Mary Griggs and Roy Grech.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: James Wambles, Mildred Kelley, Arthur Ott, Melinda Lee, Lucille Hudson, Diane Keith, Amber Goodwin, Arica Caldwell, Besse Fillingham, Betty Goodwin, Michael Berry, Jeanette Brockton, Donald Flowers, Erica Wilkerson, Evelyn Leverett, Jimmie Hanson, Larry Burks, Cassie Marler, and Ronnie Parker.

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## Elba Relay for Life meeting finds desire to get more participation for county event

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A meeting was held in Elba last Thursday evening, Dec. 13, to discuss the possibility of starting a Relay for Life event in Elba, but a new agenda was reached by the conclusion of the meeting.

For years now, the Coffee County Relay for Life event has been held annually in Enterprise, and several citizens and businesses from Elba participate each year. However, it has always been a hope that more people from the Elba area would participate.

The event has been an overwhelming success, and those attending last Thursday's meeting decided that it would be better to work on getting more people from Elba involved with the

already established event rather than trying to begin a new one.

After all, the main goal is simply to get more people from Elba involved with Relay for Life.

The Coffee County Relay for Life has been a very successful event for the American Cancer Society, and the addition of more people from the Elba area should only make it even more successful in the years to come.

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## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, December 10, 2001, investigated the following incidents: two for theft of property, two for violation of a divorce judgment, one allowing a dog to run at large, two for burglary, one assault, one criminal mischief, one harassment, one DUI, and one criminal trespassing.

The following arrests were made: one for theft of property, three for DUI, one for possession of marijuana and one for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eighteen for speeding, one for no insurance, one for no proof of insurance, one for violation of the seat belt law, one for only one headlight and one for driver's license suspended.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 - River stage - 6.56 feet (7:01 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 189 N. of Elba (9:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the wreck on Hwy. 189 N. of Elba (9:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 310 Branson St. (11:04 a.m.); 2-vehicle wreck reported in front of 2801 Old Curtis Rd. (1:50 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 - River stage - 6.59 feet (7:06 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 - River stage - 6.79 feet (6:12 a.m.); Alarm activated at 2557 Taylor Mill Road (12:59 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1505 County Rd. 249 (3:15 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 - River stage - 6.99 feet (7:08 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on County Rd. 359 (8:38 p.m.); Elba Fire

Department dispatched to a possible gas leak at 656 E. Davis St. (9:00 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 656 E. Davis St. (9:15 p.m.); Alarm activated at Elm Chapel School (8:24 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the parking lot beside Hardee's (3:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 9683 Hwy. 87 S. (4:48 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 - Alarm activated at Elba Housing Authority (1:29 a.m.); River stage - 6.94 feet (6:08 a.m.); Burglary reported at 5515 County Rd. 410 (8:11 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 87 N. of Zion Chapel School (8:24 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the parking lot beside Hardee's (3:13 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 9683 Hwy. 87 S. (4:48 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Hwy. 134 W. of Enterprise (2:46 a.m.); River stage - 7.11 feet (6:50 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 619 Mullins Circle (12:23 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 - Broking and entering reported at 638 Smith Ave. (1:50 a.m.); River stage - 7.42 feet (6:58 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 123 Dunham St. (7:09 a.m.); Alarm activated at 3731 Hwy. 125 N. (9:13 a.m.); Alarm activated at 2557 Taylor Mill Rd. (9:58 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 4280 Hwy. 125 (11:37 a.m.); Routine activity.

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• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday, Noon First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.  
• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues., 9 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.  
• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. City Hall.  
• WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Monday following city council meeting. City Hall.  
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday - 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church enter on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom.  
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - 12:30 - 4:30 New Brocton @ Farm Center Complex @ New Brocton.  
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 8:30 a.m. Senior Citizen Center.  
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thur. - 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office.  
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thur. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month, 7 p.m.  
• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.  
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brocton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5555.  
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 1 p.m. Club House.  
• COFFEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise.  
• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room.  
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.  
• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday. Tap. Elba Airport Grille. hanger.  
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - Elba Cafeteria.



'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING... The Coffee County Department of Human Resources (DHR) received a Christmas present from some local merchants last Friday, Dec. 14, when Pearl Reeves, owner of Pearl's Deli, presented a \$75 check to the organization. The money will be used to help purchase Christmas gifts for foster children in the Elba area. Local businesses contributing to the effort included: Pearl's Deli, Dairy Queen, Home, Party, and More!, Magic Mirror, Briar Patch and Gloria's Beauty Shop. DHR representative Myrna Canon also helped with the project. Above, Reeves (left) presents the \$75 check to Clarissa Gibson from the Coffee County DHR office.

## Area Happenings

EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS: The Coffee County Extension office in New Brocton will be closed for the Christmas Holidays until Thursday, Jan. 3, 2002. The office will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on the 3rd.

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE: The Elba United Methodist Church will present a live nativity scene on Friday, Dec. 21, and Saturday, Dec. 22, from 6-8 p.m. in the vacant lot beside the church. Everyone is invited.

CITY OF ELBA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The City of Elba offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday, and Tuesday, Jan. 1, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. There will be stand-by crews for any emergency with water, electric, sewer or street. To report any emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage schedule will be as follows for both holidays: Monday - no change, Tuesday - moved to Wednesday; Wednesday - moved to Thursday; Thursday - moved to Friday.

BOOK DRIVE: The local girl scouts community is currently conducting a book drive to benefit the library programs of at-risk schools. Books are being accepted for elementary and high school reading levels and collection points are the Elba United Methodist Church and ZC Express. The book drive will continue through March.

## Christmas is a time of giving

by Linda Hodge, Editor

With the publication of this, the annual Christmas edition of the paper, I announce that Christmas has officially arrived.

For weeks now, everyone has been busy attending Christmas events, shopping for gifts, and preparing food or visiting a restaurant to enjoy a meal with friends and family.

Of course, we all know and respect the real reason for the season which is to celebrate the birth of Christ.

However, it is also a time to show others how special they are to us whether it be family, friends or a stranger looking for a kind heart.

Just last week, I was made aware of an event that takes place in Elba every year, and I couldn't

help but feel good in knowing that the giving spirit is alive in our small community.

It's my understanding that Ms. Rose Coleman is carrying on a tradition started years ago by her mother in that she prepares a Christmas meal every year and serves nearly 300 people.

I don't know Ms. Coleman, but I can tell you based on the information given to me that she is a special person who helps create a brighter Christmas for many others, and in my opinion that is definitely what the Christmas spirit is all about.

Now, with this in mind, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the spirit of Christmas and let those you come in contact with know that they are special to you. It just might make a difference!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As the season of Thanksgiving, Christmas, giving and family memories warm our homes, I think of families that give their heart and their lives to children that have been abandoned or abused.

Foster families are thought of as people that are different, many times, we are thought of as selfish and cold hearted. The saying from the public, "I couldn't give them up," that is why we can't take care of other people's kids." They are right, we don't give them up, every child that walks through our door does become our child for life, we think of them often, we pray for them and we wonder if they are safe and well in their life.

The public has no way of knowing of the heart break we go through everyday helping our children feel safe and find self-esteem after being abandoned and scared. I would want to know that if my birth children were where I couldn't take care of them that a loving foster home would.

As we go through the Christmas season, please remember many families in our state will have one more child at their table for Christmas dinner. Many more presents under the tree. We may have our special

children. We know, we can't adopt every child that comes into our home. We treat them as we do our birth children, we give them love, give them structure and the discipline they need.

Our state doesn't do much to support foster families when the children families can't or choose not to take responsibility for their own children. We spend out of our pockets for most of their extra needs. They get the best of what we have as families.

Our state administration gives us no respect, so I guess it stands to reason the rest of the state also shows us no respect. Birth families and sometimes social workers think of us as the enemy. We are not the ones that took their children, the State did. We just gave their children a warm place to sleep, clean clothes and a safe place.

As a foster parent myself, I would want to know that if my birth children were where I couldn't take care of them that a loving foster home would.

As we go through the Christmas season, please remember many families in our state will have one more child at their table for Christmas dinner. Many more presents under the tree. We may have our special

children for only a moment, but that one moment may be the memory that takes them through life when again they feel unsafe or unwanted.

I am proud of the foster and adopted parents in our state, we listened to God when he spoke to us. We are seed planters, the seeds we plant in our child will help them to remember us when at a moments notice they are pulled out of our homes without even a goodbye. They will know they were loved!

Good guy, Bad guy! You have to decide, all we want is to make a difference in the life of a child. Yes, the pain is very real when a child leaves, but I would rather give a child one night of peace and safety and bear the pain than to know a child is in a shelter where he feels very alone.

This is dedicated to foster and adoptive families for the true meaning of the season. You give with your heart, time and money. I know God is saying "Thank you for taking care of the least of these."

Linda Williams

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## In Remembrance

Missing You at Christmas

(Deal - Taylor 1915-2001)

As the holiday season draws near  
Our minds reflect on loved ones  
no longer here

As God goes to life, he also  
allows us to be  
Dreading the day you  
would leave us

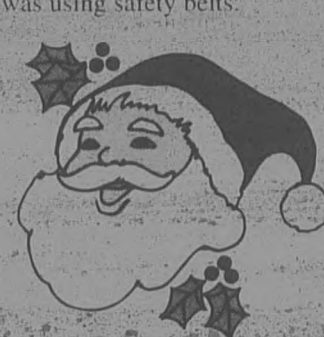
We didn't want to let you go  
Truly one of God's children  
You sowed the seeds of wisdom  
in each of us, never taking  
Always giving - Without Question  
That was just you

A wife, a mother and sister  
God lent you to us to enjoy  
There will be a certain emptiness  
at Christmas this year, when we  
all get together to  
spread good cheer.

Although in life  
we never understand  
The full extent of the  
necessary plan  
Life will go on

We'll say a prayer and smile  
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HARRY POTTER (PG)

SAS 2 Only  
KATE & LEOPOLD (PG-13)

M-F 7&9-10 - SAS 2:7&7:20  
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Wednesday Center

III - NOT ANOTHER TEEN MOVIE (R)

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## Obituaries

## LOUISE LEGG VEASEY

Mrs. Louise Legg Veasey, age 73, of 12839 Opp Highway, Brantley, Ala., died Dec. 10, 2001.

Funeral services were held Dec. 13, 2001 at the Brantley Baptist Church with Rev. Travis Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Bullock Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include her husband, Johnny Veasey, Brantley; one daughter, Charlotte Wallace, Straughn; two sons: Ricky Powell and Charles Powell, both of Brantley; three sisters: Enla Mitchell, Troy, Vonnice Strickland, Foley, Ala.; Beulah Norris, Dothan; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## BETTIE ANN CONNER

Mrs. Bettie Ann Conner, age 57, of Opp, Ala., died Dec. 14, 2001.

Funeral services were held Dec. 17, 2001 at Cornerstone Church in Opp, Ala. with Pastor Donald Dillard officiating. Burial followed at Harden Street Cemetery in Opp, Ala., with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Pearl Rainer and Robert Green.

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA - 897-2004

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Round and About with Eria

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Thinking of you, praying for you: The Diggs and Conner families, Rev. J.R. Parks, Cleve M. Davis, Maggie Head, Amanda Ellis, Vicki E. Lindsey, Mildred Kelley, Annie Bell Flourney, Rev. N.L. Robinson, Rev. Charles Lane, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr. and Noah Reynolds, Jr.

December Birthday: Mary Nell Belcher Harris.

Christmas Sunrise Service will be held at Shady Grove A.M.E. Church in Elba, Ala. on December 25, 2001 at 6:00 a.m.

Rev. F.L. Flowers, pastor. Sermon: Rev. Darryl Caldwell pastor of Bethlehem M.B. Church in Elba, Ala.

"G2K2": Youth Outbreak Extreme, a getting to know God "Youth Conference", Rocky Head M.B. Church in Elba, Ala. Wednesday 26-Friday 28 night by 5 p.m. and Saturday 29 at 10 a.m.

The Mulberry Missionary Baptist District Ministers, Deacons, and Laymen's Union will meet with the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Gary Barnes, pastor. Rev. Hill, Ala. on Sunday, December 30, 2001 at 9:45 a.m.

Destinee Coone Cole celebrated her 2nd birthday on December 10, 2001. She is the

daughter of Jasmine Coone of Daleville, Ala. and Marcelle J. Plake Cole of Elba, Ala. She is the granddaughter of Lula Cola and Lorraine Cole of Elba, and Ronnie Coone of Daleville, Ala. and Jackie Coone of Atlanta, Ga.

Pictured are: Floyd Rodgers, Certified Defense Financial Manager/Director of Resource Management, Fort Rucker; Hailey Capps of Dothan High School; Lorie Donaldson of New Brockton High School; and Marge Simmons, President of Wiregrass Chapter, ASMC.

Scholarships awarded by Wiregrass Chapter of The American Society of Military Comptrollers

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Snacks and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Rev. Stallard invites everyone to attend.

EUMC to have Live Nativity Friday & Saturday evenings

Elba United Methodist Church will have a live nativity on Friday, December 21, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 22, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the vacant lot next to the church.

Branson Samuel Helms

Michael and Stacey Helms announce the birth of their son, Branson Samuel, on Nov. 5, 2001 at Dale Medical, Ozark, Ala.

Branson weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Jerome and Joan Ward, Berta Hoy, and the late Danny Helms. Great grandparents are: Sallie C. Bryan, Arvie Dee Walker and Jeanette Gunter.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

"Did the Lord Jesus and His disciples all drink from the same cup (in partaking the Lord's supper), and are all people (in a congregation) suppose to drink from the same cup?"

J.L. Elba

"And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it. For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." (Matthew 26: 27-29) "Clearly we can see that the Lord commanded that His disciples drink all of the cup." But the disciples were not to drink the literal cup, but the actual contents of the cup, which is the "fruit of the vine." Now as we examined last week, the Lord stated clearly that He was not going to drink the contents of the cup, but the fruit of the vine. He would drink it new with them in the kingdom. So the Lord did not drink from the same cup as the disciples on the occasion of His instituting the Lord's supper.



## Tiger Tales

Editor:  
Katie Grimes

### EES Faculty Spotlight

by Brittany Daniels

This week, our EES Faculty Spotlight features Mrs. Mary Lois Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson is a graduate of Pike County High School in Brundidge, Ala. After high school, she attended Troy State University of Troy, Ala.

Mrs. Wilson has been teaching for 21 years and has carried out all of her years in the Elba City School System. She currently serves as a 5th grade science and history teacher. She was inspired to teach by her two aunts, who were teachers, and by her love for children.

Mrs. Wilson is married and has two children, one son and



Mary Lois Wilson

one daughter. She says that if she could no longer be a teacher, she would like to be a homemaker.

### Co-Op Spotlight

by Hunter Branch



Charly Barlow

This week's Co-Op Spotlight is on Charly Barlow.

Charly is employed at the Elba Marketplace where she is a cashier. She is the 18-year-old daughter of Ronald and Debbie Barlow.

Charly is the VICA secretary and is an active member of the journalism staff.

After high school Charly plans to attend Troy State University and major in criminal justice.

**Merry Christmas**

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# SCHOOLS

## Seventh graders write creative Christmas stories

by Katie Grimes

As part of a library skills unit, and in helping to celebrate the season, four seventh grade English classes wrote creative stories with Christmas themes. The students had an option to either write from the perspective of a Christmas ornament or to share their feelings about Christmas as a season. The journalism class selected some of these papers to feature in the "Tiger Tales" page of the Clipper. Those selected are as follows:

I am a star. I am hanging right smack in the middle of the tree. I like to hang here because I love all of the attention, and I like to be the one that is hung up first. After Christmas I love to be the last one put up in the box so that I can be the first one put up on next Christmas. It's so funny being woken up by the noises on the top of the roof and see Santa Claus come through the chimney. I also love waking up to the kids unwrapping the paper covering the presents. That's why I love being the star at Christmas.

Stephen Driggers

I am a star shining on the Christmas tree. I'm on top of the tree because I'm older than the other stars. I think I should be on top of the tree because I am helpful. I like to help people when they need help. I help cheer people up when they are feeling sad. I

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love to cheer people up; it is very fun. I am the star because my love for other people shines so bright. That is what a star is all about.

Clara Burrows

I am a Christmas tree ornament, and I have a great story to tell. I come from a land of freedom and peace. I came to bring brightness for a holiday feast. I came to bring cheer to all: I am a beautiful angel. I have wings of gold and a robe of white. I have a glorious halo above my head which glows on a dark night. I sit atop a Christmas tree for all the great world to see!

Laura Grover

If I were a Christmas ornament hanging on a tree, I would be one of those balls. I would be one hanging near the middle. I enjoy just hanging around all day talking to other decorations when people are not around. I am so nervous about what Santa Claus will think about me that I can't be still. The star keeps telling me to calm down, but he doesn't understand. You see, I am new and this will be my first time to see Santa Claus.

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Of course, being an ornament isn't all that wonderful. There are many risks. I have seen many different ornaments, both young and old, see their end when they are clumsily dropped to the floor, only to be thrown away and never see another Christmas. I am one of the lucky ones who has survived many Christmases.

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## SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School is out for the holidays and it looks like I may have to put an extra lock on the doors just to keep the girls near the house. Both declared having a near fatal dose of boredom only hours into the long holiday vacation, but by the end of the weekend I told them both that unless they slowed down I would have to trade in some of their gifts with Santa so I could put some gas in the cars. They promised to slow down, but after their fast start, I wonder just how slow that will be!

## SORTING THROUGH THE MESS....

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers blasted Straughn last week to improve their record to 4-1, and with the sudden emergence of sophomore Quinton Gavin, it looks like the Tigers have even more inside muscle than originally thought. Everyone knew that John Mitchell would return to be a force during his senior season, however, Gavin has given the Tigers two scorers inside, as well as depth along an already big front line. Elba's 83-point explosion silenced the Tiger fans that were looking for them to score more points, and unless I miss my guess, the Elba Tigers will only get better as the season rolls along. It could be a fun season to watch as the season rolls along. Believe me, these guys can play.

\*\*\* The New Brockton Gamecocks struggled to one of their worst seasons ever last year in basketball, and after a 1-8 start this season, it looks like it may very well be another long season. The Gamecocks have run a little low on talent in recent years, but have more than enough players to win their share of games, and need to regroup over the holidays and come back strong in the new year. C'mon Gamecocks, dig down deep and find that rich New Brockton tradition that has been a source of pride for so many years.

\*\*\* Coach Brian Weeks and his 8th-grade Tigers closed out their basketball season last week and posted an outstanding 11-1 record. The Tigers were expected to be a little down this year after a series of banner seasons, but Coach Weeks and his players worked long and hard to get better and better, and in their season finale knocked off Enterprise to get revenge for their only loss of the season. Coach Weeks has done a great job with the Elba Junior High program for many years, and gets a lot of the credit for the success of the Tiger varsity. Thanks for another great job.

\*\*\* The youth basketball season will tip off in Elba after the holidays, and it looks like another busy season ahead with a total of eight boys teams and six girls teams taking part. The league, sponsored by the Recreation Department, is for boys and girls ages 6-14, and games will be played on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The youth leagues have also played a role in the recent success at Elba High School and Elba Junior High, and I urge all basketball fans to check the schedule after the holidays and make plans to watch a few games.

\*\*\* In closing, *The Dauphin Eagle* brought its "Super 12" high school football selections together last week, and although the list of honorees hasn't been released, there were a couple of familiar faces on the turf at Rip Heves Stadium for the picture taking. Who? I won't tell, but Elba Tiger fans will be proud!

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The Elba Tigers hit the court only once last week, but made the most of that opportunity as they clobbered the Straughn Tigers 83-45, Monday night in Elba.

The win upped Elba's record to 4-1, while Straughn slipped to 3-4 with the loss.

Elba came out ready to take charge against Straughn and combined the inside strength of John Mitchell and Quinton Gavin with the quickness of Kyle English to jump out to a lopsided 23-2 lead. Straughn fared better against the Tiger reserves in the second stanza and pulled within 30-15 by the end of the half. However, the Tigers got cranked up on the offensive end throughout the second half and poured in 53 points over the final two stanzas to pull away and claim the big 83-45 win.

Quinton Gavin scored 25 points to lead Elba, while Kyle English added 19. John Mitchell 16 and Derrick Brooks 10. Coleman led Straughn with 13 points.

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Brandon Kelley scored 21 points to lead Elba, while Ron Hill, Brandi Kelley and Stefan Bullock all scored 9 points.

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Elba (83): English 19, Gavin 25, Burks 3, Williams 2, Wade 2, Henderson 8, Brooks 10, Mitchell 16.

Straughn (45): Hunter 12, Hascock 6, Coleman 13, Windham 6, Kelley 3, Smith 1, Bond 2, Foster 2.

## [ B GAME ]

The Elba Tiger, B team, avenged its only loss of the young season with a 43-27 win over Straughn, last Monday night in Elba. The Tigers jumped out to a 27-9 halftime advantage and never looked back as they rolled to the easy win. Quinton Robinson scored 23 points to lead Elba, while Matthew Curran added 8. Armstrong led Straughn with 6 points.

Elba (43): Skinner 2, Curran English added 19. John Mitchell 16 and Derrick Brooks 10. Coleman led Straughn with 13 points.

Straughn (27): Armstrong 6, Driver 5, Bass 3, Kinsaul 2, Hataway 5, Odum 4, Page 2.

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TIGER DEFENSE... The Elba Tigers stop a Straughn player in his tracks during a recent Elba win. The Tigers' Derrick Brooks (right) scored 10 points as the Tigers improved to 4-1 with an 83-45 romp over Straughn.

## Elba 8th grade Lady Tigers close season with busy week of action

The Elba 8th grade Lady Tigers closed out their season last week with another busy week of basketball action.

Following are highlights of last week's games:

DAUPHIN 26 ELBA 13

The Lady Tigers pulled ahead early but then failed to score in the second half as they fell to the Dauphin Lady Dolphins 26-13, in Elba. The Lady Tigers owned a 5-0 lead after one quarter and went in at the half with a 13-11 advantage, only to see Dauphin rally in the second half to pull away and claim the win.

Whitney Lawford scored 7 points to lead Elba.

Dauphin (26): Perry 2, Murry 12, Cole 10, Trice 2.

Elba (13): Stinson 1, Pope 1, Waddall 2, Lawford 7, McCormick 2.

ENTERPRISE 41 ELBA 12

The Lady Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 41-12 loss to Enterprise Junior, in Enterprise. The Lady Tigers fell behind 9-2 in the opening stanza and were never able to cut into the lead as they dropped the decision on the road.

Ashleigh Waddall scored 5 points to lead Elba.

E'prise (41): Hunter 10, Curley 9, Gray 5, L. Blackmon 5, M. Blackmon 4, Galloway 4, McKeon 4.

Elba (12): Waddall 5, Bryant 1, Lawford 4, McCormick 2.

OPP 27 ELBA 21

The Lady Tigers battled until the final buzzer in a 27-21 loss to Opp Junior High, in Opp. The Lady Tigers scored only two points in the opening stanza to fall behind early, but rallied and trailed only 21-17 after three

half trailing 26-10, and saw a late rally fall short as they took the loss at home.

Derrick Jackson scored 6 points to lead Elba, while Tyshun Frazier added 5.

Opp (27): Goldston 8, McDaniel 9, Jones 12, Spann 2, Meeks 8.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

Simmons-Barbaree wedding set for Saturday, Dec. 29

Believing that Holy Matrimony is ordained by God, Rose Ledbetter and James Jones request the honour of your presence at the marriage of her daughter and his grand-daughter Lora Gwen Simmons to Mr. Channing Lee (Chan) Barbaree, son of Rachel and Chester Barbaree. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, the twenty-ninth of December, Two thousand and one, at five o'clock in the afternoon at Ino Baptist Church, 6042 Highway 134 West, between Opp and Enterprise in the Ino Community.



MacArthur State Technical College crowned the 2001-2002 Ms. MacArthur State, Vickie Bannin, center, in the annual pageant held last month. Contestants were judged on poise and appearance, talent, a pre-pageant interview, and an on-stage question. In response to her on-stage question, Mrs. Bannin said she hopes to be role model to both older and younger students, to show that anyone can achieve their goals. Crystal Freeman, left, placed as first alternate, and Felicia Fenton, right, won second alternate.

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The MacArthur State Technical College National Vocational-Technical Honor Society recently held its fall semester induction ceremony for new members. Candidates are chosen for their academic achievements and leadership abilities. New members are, first row (l-r), Kimberly Mitchem, Melissa Cain, Mary Marler, Leigh Davis, and Jackie Cotton, back row (l-r) Larry Smith, Scott Aughtman, Beverly Bullard, Bob Barrett, Melissa Boggis, Alan Sanders, and Brandon Nall.

Elba Head Start taking applications

Elba Head Start is now taking applications for children 3 years or older. The Head Start building is located beside SouthTrust Bank, and hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call 897-3675 for more information.

ESJC announces fall semester honor rolls

Enterprise State Junior College (ESJC) officially announces the names of students achieving recognition through the fall semester honor rolls.

Seven students were named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll. These students maintained a 4.00 grade-point-average with 46 or more semester hours.

Local Dean's Academic Honor Roll honorees are:  
From Kinston: Abby E. Whigham.

Fifty-six ESJC students earned President's List certificates. These students obtained a 4.00 grade-point-average during the fall semester with a course load of at least 12 semester hours.  
Local President's List honorees are:  
From New Brockton: Diane Sanasarian.  
From Elba: Sheryl Brunson and Wanda Kelley.  
From Kinston: Kelly A. Odum and Abby E. Whigham.  
The Dean's List, also compiled at the end of every semester, recognizes full-time students (scheduling 12 or more hours), who maintain a minimum of a 3.50 GPA during the semester. The fall semester list recognized 102 students.  
From New Brockton: Courtney Chappell.  
From Elba: Patricia A. Carpenter, Allison Gavin, and Cereba M. Towles.  
From Jack: Kristin Harding.  
From Brantley: Mark A. Davis.  
From Glenwood: Steven B. Powell.

Story Time  
planned at Elba  
Public Library

The Elba Public Library will have "Story Time" on Saturday, Dec. 22, from 10-10:45 a.m. for ages 4-9.

## NOTICE

Due to the Christmas holiday, The Elba Clipper will have special deadlines for the Thursday, Dec. 27, edition of the paper. The deadline for all news and advertising will be Noon on Friday, Dec. 21.

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First of all I would like for there to be peace in the world and for every little boy and girl to get presents from Santa. And second of all I would like for myself a CD player with 3 CDs, and Aaron Carter CD, a Backstreet Boys CD, and a Dreamcast CD. I also would like a new bike and last a Tonka fire truck that transforms into a robot.  
Love, Blake Dawson

Dear Santa,  
I want a bicycle, roller blades, football, GI Joe man, army jeep, and a navy man. I love you Santa.  
Love, Hayden Disotell

Dear Santa,  
I want three Dragonball Z action figures and four Dragonball Z movies.  
Love, Chad Eddings

Dear Santa,  
I want a go-kart, tow truck, trampoline, dog, deer picture, bird, TV, and toys.  
Love, Mikael Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I have been so good. Please bring me some clothes and please bring me some toys. Santa bring my brother Michael a toy even though he hasn't been good. If I leave you cheese will you give me more? Santa please don't forget Christopher. Just bring him a little toy.  
Love, Korie Machado

Dear Santa,  
I know this year is going to be the best Christmas. Santa I like you because you are special. I have been a good little girl. Please bring me a game of Twister and scented gooze. Please have a jolly Christmas.  
Love, Mandi Mallory

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I have cleaned my room and obeyed my parents. I think I've earned some gifts this year. I'd like a pair of skates, skateboard, the Heads-up game, and a bike.  
Love, Logan Parker

Dear Santa,  
I will like to have a computer. And a doll. I want a TV with cable. I want a girl cat. And a bike.  
Love, Brandon Reese

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Barbie cash register, a bicycle, a doll, some clothes, and a computer. I have been very good this year so please Santa stop by my house this year.  
Love, Jordana Sparks

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a

Playstation, a bike, some clothes, and lots of games for my Playstation and a TV.  
Love, Kadianus Thomas

Dear Santa,  
I want a red riding hood doll, a purse, a bike, a toy phone, stove, and refrigerator.  
Love, Kerra Tyson

**ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Gena Benbow's Second Grade Class**

Dear Santa,  
I love you. Please bring me Tony Hawk skateboard with remote control.  
Kyle Hartman

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo 64 game. I want a mother, and a brother, a friend toy, and a computer. I want to be the King of the world.  
Austin Money

Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a safe trip to everyone's house. Please bring me a TV, a CD and five chapter books. I have been a very good girl. I want some new clothes. Please bring me some new shoes. I want a chess toy for my dog. I want two stuffed animals. Please bring me a brush for my dog.  
Your friend, Kayla Lewis

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Love, J'Quenten Truitt

Dear Santa,  
I Love you Santa. Please I want a Nintendo. I want some surprises.  
Your friend, Michael Baxter

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I am 8 years old. I want a bike for Christmas and a cat and a puppy and a fullwheeler for Christmas.  
Love, Selina Stokes

Dear Santa,  
I am a good boy. I want a bike just in case your reindeer is tired. I love you my family. I want a Nintendo 64 for Christmas. I do to have a merry Merry Christmas.  
Love, always, Karizmah LaShai Monae Yelverton

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jake. I am 7 year old and I go to ELBA Elementary School. My teachers name is Mrs. Pam McCollough. I am in second grade and I live in Enterprise Alabama. For Christmas I want a gold neck lace and I want some big army men and I want a pair of shoe and I want some clothes. I will love you some cookies and milk.  
I love you, Jake Carnley

Dear Santa,  
I would like some C.D.s and I would like every day to be Christmas.  
Your friend, Devin Holloway

Dear Santa,  
I am a good girl. I hope the sleigh is going to be ok. I love you Santa. Please give me some skates. And a Barbie Kay house. And a Barbie doll. And a Ken doll. And a few of bim-babys.  
Love, Emily Allen

Dear Santa,  
I am a good boy. Can you

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I am 8 years old. And I am in the second grade. I live in Elba Alabama. I go to school at Elementary School. I want for Christmas is a paint ball gun, and a playstation, and I want a Tony Hawk remote control, and a Boom box.  
Merry Christmas, Kevin Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I am 8 years old. I am in second grade. I go to ELBA Elementary School. My teacher is Mrs. Pam McCollough. She is a nice lady. I will like for you to bring me a scooter, sneaker, skates, bike, helmet kneepad, elbowpads and proctor stuff, clothes, boots, money and money. And have a party at the skating rink. I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
I love you, Tyler Anderson

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl. I want a Playstation 2. And I want a chalkboard and a markerboard. And I want a pet hedgehog. I want a big cotton candy maker. I want a computer with tapes. I want a pet parrot and a pet finch. And a bike. I want some skates. I want a million of clothes and boy and girl barbie dolls. And I want it to snow in Elba.  
Love, Chelsea Ogburn

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**ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Mrs. Rhoades' Second Grade Class**

Dear Santa,  
I'm in Mrs. Rhoades second grade class. I would like for you to bring me a Lap top computer. I like you bring me a giant lego set. I would like you to bring me a remote contro boat, I would like you to bring me a very big remote contro truck and it got very fast and some fishing equimint with a open face real.  
Scotty Stokes

Dear Santa,  
I'm in Mrs. Rhoades second grade class. I would like for you to bring me a computer and bike and ball and kite.  
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Dear Santa,  
I'm in Mrs. Rhoades second grade class. I would like for you to bring me a 12 gage and skat board, and a 30-30 and a dirt bike, a coputer and a 22 and a necklecks.  
Jeremy Duncan

Dear Santa,  
I'm in Mrs. Rhoades second grade class. I would like for you to bring me a Washen Wear Barbie, Tolly Trolls, My Size Sugar Plumb Princess Barbie, Clugs, Shoes, Play horses.  
Elisa Dewberry

Dear Santa,  
I'm in Mrs. Rhoades second grade class. I would like for you to bring a bike, legos, remote control master truck, toy gun, lap top computer, clothes, shoes, skates, play station games, gum dums, chain, charms.  
William

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a desk and chair. I want a little doll. I want a bike. I want a CD player. I want a Big Lamp. one Eazy bake oven. one New Book bag.  
Lashea

Dear Santa,  
I'm in Mrs. Rhoades second grade class. I would like for you to bring me a monopoly game, bingo games, hip clip, computer games, music cd's and a baby doll clothes, shirt, shoes, bradie, rings.  
P.S. I will leave you some milk and cookies.  
Brooke Adeock

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Jala

Dear Santa,  
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Love, Ricky Warren

Dear Santa,  
I've been good this year. I would like a Scooter, watch, scobby-doo game. I will leave you some cookies and milk. See if you then.  
Love, Seth Hanchey

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like for Christmas a go-car and motorciel. I would like a remote-trull-cart. I like a four-wheeler. I would like two pup-pys. I like 100 butter-finger.  
Love, Waylon Phillips

Dear Santa,  
I've been very good. I want two go-carts, shotgun, a little four-wheeler. I want a football game for playstation. I want battle bots. I want a paint ball gun too. See you then.  
Love, Gunnar McCollough

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a remote-control monster truck. I want a calester car and truck. I want some hot wheels.  
Love, Justin Verdin

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like you to get me shoes for Christmas. Massilek boxer and a Gudemweg, and a skatbord.  
by, Martin

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I have been good this year. I would like a barbie house and a big big pool and a jeep and a motolsickol. I would like a real baby and a real house and I would like real computer and a

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Love, Comenda

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like for Christmas is a bike and I want a doll and I want a two boy dolls some more things too an some cloths to Merry Christmas Santa. And some more things to is a kiss Mom.  
Brianna Jackson

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike, go cart frwl an doos, dill dogs, sand bases, gon. frs, \$50.00 checkers, gam disk, monokoutm.  
Love, Brent Stokes

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I would like a barbie notale, a atm bank, a pictor of you and a toy train last year you brot me some good stoff I will make you some milk and cookies.  
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More Mrs. Crosby's Third Grade Class - Elba Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I hope that Santa Claus brings me a Playstation 2 and a Gameboy and a Skateboard, my mother want a TV and a lamp and a gateway. My grandmother wants a TV and a chair. I also want a new basketball and a football and I love you.  
Sandarius Reed

Dear Santa,  
I want a C.D. player, C.D.s, clothes, and shoes. The kind of C.D.'s I want is Destiny's Child, Bow Wow and other.  
Love, Megan King

Dear Santa,  
I wish for an art kit, a computer, mack up stiers, bab me cash register, cd player, cds, gel pen kit, games, watch and inflated cars. I don't care wate you give me.  
Love, Emilee Sasser

Dear Santa,  
I hope you heard what I wanted, but just in case I'm going to tell you anyway. The first thing I asked was that kid car that I want the doors to open. I want it to have a key and gas pedal and a break pedal. And I want it to have a trunk and a radio and a top over it with a windshield and it to be silver. I also want one of those twin baby things. I also want a new bedspread if you would please get it. I am trying to wait until Christmas. I am also trying to be as good as I can until Christmas. And one more thing I will be a blue Christmas without you. Oh and please make it snow.  
Your friend, Haley Bryan

 **PEACE**  **JOY**  **WISDOM**

**Wishing You A Gifted Season**

**Merry Christmas From All of Us To All of You.**

**ELBA PROPANE GAS CO.**  
Elba - 897-2877  
**PROPANE GAS & APPLIANCE**  
New Brockton - 894-5511

**Special Holiday Delivery**

We hope this holiday delivers an abundance of close friends, warm moments and wonderful gifts.

The gift of your friendship is greatly appreciated and we welcome you to call on us soon.

From all your  
**BIG/LITTLE STORES**  
In Elba & Throughout The Wiregrass

**May All Your Dreams Come True**

Here's hoping the holiday season delivers everything you've wanted.

Please accept our best wishes and gratitude.  
Merry Christmas!

**BRADSHAW PEST CONTROL**  
244 Davis  
Elba, AL  
897-6531

Dear Santa,  
I want a choo choo doll and a Newborn baby and a 3.1.W.C.D. and a Little C.D. player and my Uncl. and my cousin and my Aunts and for my Granddaddy's to have money.  
Love, Alexis Tillis

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is just around the corner. Some of the children have been bad and good. The good people should get presents and the bad should get at least some presents. This is my wish list for you if you can do it. That might be great but if you can't that will be o.k. I want a gameboy advance, X box game cube, Some clothes, Some shoes, And my friend Jesse.  
Love, ShaBraun Robinson

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is coming. I want a pair of pants with flowers at the bottom. The most thing I want is to wake up and see my uncles again, but I can't because there dead.  
Love, Paige Jones

Dear Santa,  
This year I would like red, white and blue finger nail polish, an art kit, a computer, a Mary Kate and Ashley doll and Courtney the brat. I would like a hand held c.d. player and a Creed c.d. Oh I would like a BB-Mac c.d. I would like what Santa. It wouldn't be a good Christmas without you. Santa, you might just need to surprise me.  
Your friend, Kristin Kelley

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy so will you bring me the things listed below. I want a matchbox Resque Set, a 410 and some gunshells. A remote control motor cycle, and a playstation two. This is what I want most of all, play station.  
Love, Ashton Davis

Dear Santa,  
I've been very good this year. So if it is not much trouble could you bring me a go cart, a bike, a game boy to 'Plea'.  
Love, Tyron Burks

Dear Santa,  
We had good this year. I hope you give us some presents. Last year I got a home before Christmas. I want to get to meet you. Anyway load your sled up it is going to be a big christmas. My brothers are coming for Christmas. I know you love children and some people and children love you. You are the best one for Christmas. I want some remot control cars and c.d.s. and cards and a happy family and a forewider and my friend to stay with me for a week, his name is Braun. I want ask for much. I will good. I want a car and new bike. I do care about you. You are a budy. I am in my class-room in Elba, Alabama. I know ally are building toys. I love all the toys you make. I loved the candy ball brought for us. It even smell good. I know it is hard to give me presents. I bin sorda bid like being a kid. I got a lot of stuff from you. I love you for the bestest friend in the hole wide world. My teacher is nice. We got a spelling test Friday's. My favorite day in all the world is Saturday. I love Saturday. My friend Haley cepts on coming by. My dest is on behind her. She is coming to my desk to see how much I wrote. She can't believe how much I am doing. She doing 12 line above. It is not easy to be in 3rd grade. I like everybody in my class. I love to write a lot well I go to go.  
Your friend, Jesse Stokes

Dear Santa,  
I want some Gameboy games, some video games, movies and board games. I also want a Barbie hotel, a Game Boy Day Advance, and a stereo.  
Love, Courtney

Dear Santa,  
I want a go-cart, a Four-wheeler, a dirt bike, a football and a car. That is all.  
Love, Dylan

Dear Santa,  
I've been good this year. I want an army set, a paint kit, a T.V., a VCR, a Gameboy, Nintendo, and that's all. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Shane

Dear Santa,  
My family and I are going to Beach Mountain. Please bring me a house, some skates, a cat, and a boat. Thank you Santa Claus.  
Love, Katelyn

Dear Santa,  
I have tried to be good this year. I want a go-cart for a dirt bike. I want the dirt bike the most.  
Love, O'shea

Dear Santa,  
I am very excited about Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a motor scooter, play station game, clothes, a football and the post.  
Love, Jantzen

Dear Santa,  
I would like a real dog, a real bird, a pair of shoes, and lots of surprises.  
Love, Jacob Pettie

Dear Santa,  
I am looking forward to Christmas. You know Christmas is my favorite time of the year. Now, let me tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a new bed, a desk, Dexter, new clothes, Hello Kitty, and surprises. That's all for right now. See you at the Mall. Love, Lindsey

Dear Santa,  
It's time for you to come. I want \$1,000.00, a P.T. Cruiser, and a driver's license.  
Love, D'undray

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. I have been minding my teachers and parents. So, I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a dog, some clothes, shoes, fib-finder, some skates, and a bunny. Thank you Santa.  
Love, Sydney

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good and I love you. I would like some toys and a D. V. D. player. I would

also like a skateboard and some skates. Please Santa.  
Love, Natalie

Dear Santa,  
Will you please bring me a Dexter, and a basketball goal? I would also like some Gameboy games, clothes and boots. Merry Christmas Santa Claus.  
Love, Molly

Dear Santa,  
I have been waiting for Christmas to come. I want some Barbie cash register and some Barbie dolls, chapter books, videos, and a cd player. Sometime I want to have a baby brother to have fun and play with him. I also want new clothes, shoes and a dress.  
Love, Pricilla

Dear Santa,  
All I want for christmas is for it to snow in Elba. I also want a Barbie cash register and some Barbie dolls, chapter books, videos, and a cd player. Sometime I want to have a baby brother to have fun and play with him. I also want new clothes, shoes and a dress.  
Love, Lydia Kelley

Dear Santa,  
I have been a sweet little girl this year. I have minded my teachers and my parents. So now I'm going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want some make-up, toys, a Hello Kitty, CD player, computer, and tiny little shoes.  
Love, Kendra

Dear Santa,  
I would like a BMX, Biba and a X-Box. I want a gamecube, a PlayStation 2, I want a bombbox, a cd player, and some games. I want a Hot wheels track, and a lot of books.  
Love, Daniel

Dear Santa,  
I want a Gameboy Color and some new clothes. I also want new shoes and socks.  
Love, Ronnie E. Siler

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a T.V. and a Vcr. Santa I want you to come to my house and give me a scooter, games, books, clothes, shoes, and a bike. Sant what would you do for Christmas? Santa I can't wait to open my present for Christmas.  
Love, Nikita

Dear Santa,  
I wish I could have a C.D. player for Christmas and a video game. I also want a football and a new bigger T.V.  
Love, John

Dear Santa,  
I am looking forward to Christmas. I wish I could have a hot pink Cadillac, Dragonball Z collection, Madden NFL 2002, college Game Day, NFL Game Day, and a Sega Dreamcast.  
Love, Will

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and a gocart too. I want a new bike too. I want some cloths too. I hope I get ten dollars.  
Love, Chance

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a, every ball, a passport Journal 2, a bike, a sack of money, 2 bags of candy, a gocart, a bag of cheese, 410, a watch like on the tv, a box of jewelry, some make up, and a BIG box well 2 boxes of costumes.  
Thank you Santa, Ty Gray

Dear Santa,  
I want a gin twister braid, Baskin Robbins Ice cream cake maker, Harry Potter Potions, and a Fib finder.  
Love, Sarena Turner

Dear Santa,  
This is what for Christmas, go cart, 100000 lers, basketball, baseball.  
Thank you Santa, Romie Siler

THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2001  
**ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Mrs. Phillips' Third Grade Class

Dear Santa,  
I want a gameboy color, barbie cash register, Destiny's Child cd and a fibb finder. I want my family to be happy. I hope we have a good Christmas. First we will go to sleep then we will wake up and open our presents. Then we will play with them. We have lots have fun.  
Love, Amber Walker

Dear Santa,  
I am going to be good so I can get some toys, clothes, and shoes. Also, I want to see Santa.  
Love, Melanie

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good little girl. I do want a mail maker, lipstick, clothes, bear maker and anything you want to give me.  
Love, Jessie

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I don't want much. I just want a C.D. player, Blu Central C.D., a lap top, a pair of shoes, a scooter, the Grinch Movie, the Ragrats all group-up, Movin, and some money (about 15 dollars), a Barbie Sack it nails. I told you Santa I don't want much. I hope I get all that. Merry Christmas Santa!  
Love, Keyawne

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More Ms. Waddall's Fourth Grade Class-Elba Elementary School

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. A scope, more camouflage, and a gocart. I even want a two srenty and lots of money and wisdom and a new automatic twenty two and a plaros seven hundred. Some twelves to put in the back of the truck, sports car with straight shift. I want a new rack.  
Thank you Santa, Justin Mallory

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. A pool, gocart, money, flag, dog, cat, games, donkey, and a basketball goal. My class loves you. I especially love you. Merry Christmas. The End.  
Thank you Santa, Keke Oliver

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas. new four wheeler, 1000 dollars, gocart.  
Thank you Santa, Ethan Carpenter

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**Christmas Blessings**

We hope your holiday is richly decorated with love and happiness.  
Merry Christmas

**RUSSELL VAULT & MONUMENT**  
304 S. Reese Elba, AL  
897-6540

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We hope you enjoy a picture-perfect holiday season and we hope to have the pleasure of serving you again in the new year.

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Britley Parker • Telephone 897-1055  
Angie Folmar-Nail Technician • Julie White-Cosmetologist

**SENDING OUR BEST**

Please accept this load of good cheer, along with our thanks for your business this year!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

**HICKMAN MOVING & STORAGE**  
Clayton Hickman Elba, AL 897-2224



camouflage clothes.  
Thank you Santa, Jonathon Farmer

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I would like a video game, 4-wheeler, remote control, dirt bike, football pads, football shoes, 2 pencil sharpeners and colored markers set for Christmas.  
Love, Annabelle Stokes

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Love, Christopher Ellis

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**Kindergarten Class - Teacher Unknown-Elba Elementary School**

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I would like a Gaku Kit for Christmas.  
Love, Tyler Faulk

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I would like Bike, choo-choo train, 4-wheeler, army men for Christmas.  
Love, Kaleb Richard

Dear Santa,  
I have been very nice this year. I would like one of those Cosmo and Wanda toys, a leap frog computer book, a rescue worker, a guitar and lots of surprises for Christmas.  
Love, Ben Cash

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I would like a computer, lots of Barbie Stuff, bicycle, and lots and lots of Real make-up. Also I would like to have my own T.V. and V.C.R. for Christmas.  
Love, Venecia Magwood

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I would like a power ranger robot, a play house, a sword, a cape, and a ver and some tools, and some paint and a power ranger movie for Christmas.  
Love, Billy Richardson

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good boy this year. I would like a batman and superman. I would like a skateboard and new mens. Please bring my brother some toys for Christmas.  
Love, CJ Arnold

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I would like a train set, some Colored blocks, and a transformer for Christmas.  
Love, Cory Cardwell

**ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Unknown grade and teacher

Dear Santa,  
I would like for Christmas is a cell phone. A coney candy maker. A ice maker. Cool clouthes. Sunglasses, a computer all just for me and my brother. A talk trad. Mary Christmas Santa.  
Love your friend, Brooke Weeks

Dear Santa,  
Yesterday I did get a warning I will do my best to not get a warning. Dear Santa, I Love you and I do not now what you look like will you bring me a dody radio and a kelly doll same pea bed and a cash register and that dddy thing it have all cis fo



**Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday!**

We're dispensing our best wishes, and they include a large measure of thanks to our loyal customers. We truly appreciate your trust in us.

**WHITMAN DRUGS**  
Elba, AL 897-2407

*A Note of Thanks to Our Customers*

When we think of all the faces we've come to know in the past few years, it gladdens our hearts and gives us much to celebrate this Christmas. So to all of you, from all of us, we offer our gratitude and best wishes for a very merry season.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**MOSELEY'S STUDIOS**  
401 East Davis St. Elba, AL 897-2233

city and. A gocart. And that's all I want for Christmas. But I have more thing at my house at South.  
Love, Connor

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a go-cart and a lot of love, and a computer and a Nintendo and lots of games and a dirt bike and a pool and a phone to go in my room. I have been a good boy.  
Love, Sage

Dear Santa,  
I would like a scooter. I would like a Ice Crane too maker. I would like some clothe too. I would like a rob-green one. I would like some new shoes too. I would like a Real phone. I would like a eaisy bake. I would like a c-d player - c-d's. I would like destey child - ELW girls. 10 rings. I would like ten faiger nels and the glue.  
This is from frind, Jamie Griggs

Dear Santa,  
I've been good. All I will like for Christmas is a scooter, wash and wear barbie, Doll, Bike, Ear rings, Necklace, Gold w/ name, Mary Kate and Asley cloths, shoe, 8 days of Christmas CD, Brain McKight CD, Usher CD, one 12 CD Hip Clip, Desteny Child Doll, 3LW CD, Boots, skates, Rolling Book Bag, Ice Cream Maker, pool, hair peace, 3LW doll, Mary Kate Doll, Asley Doll, X box, phone, Go-cart.  
Love your friend, Cordeshia Hooks

Dear Santa,  
Some people don't believe in you but I do. Is you the one how comes at night. Is you the one how say Ho Ho Ho. Rudfita The Red Nose Raundeer. He got a shunny nose. It is pretty. Is you the one how bring us toys. All I want for Christmas is a scooter. I been good. I want a comper. Friends forever, Jacquetta

Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas is a Dragon Ball Z fights wasigs maria bat miananohi. Think ship ash and the Digimon master and Power Rager. time foster and kick boxer max steet T-Rex.  
Your friend, Marquette

Dear Santa,  
here are some things I want for Christmas a falling book bag, a computer, puzzles, cloths, tent, boats, a reckles, a braislet, rumble robots, Harry Potter set, The movie shrek, a seat belt for my bike and a xbox what ever that is. I hope you have a nice Christmas.  
Love your friend, Megan

Dear Santa,  
I would like a skate. A ege Runner. I also want a Jackknife and some Poke-Mon card. The last thing want is a go-cart. I've been good.  
Your friend, Jaron

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy. What I want for Christmas is a mini, fourwheeler, a Harry Potter Potsoin set, a X box and some games. The rest you dicide what I might like. Thank you for anything. Have a nice Christmas.  
Your friend, Taylor

Dear Santa,  
I want some things I want a Edge Runner, a skateboard. And I'm going to tell you 7 more things. A jakknife, a Roller Runner, A fireball please. Some, Poke-Mon cards. And CyBorg

Dear Santa,  
I want piano and guitar please and ut is on the door. And bring me a bik cycle that do tricks all that I want to play that they winat are to play the piano and guitar and the saxophone. I want all that.  
Love, Carlos

Dear Santa,  
Lots of Power Rangiers, skaner, dragon fly, Memory card, Rollin Funers, 3 power Rangiers movies.  
Love, Isaac

Dear Santa,  
I would like to have a new billy. I want the color to be pink. Pink is my favorite color. I want a cd player and I want ursher, Bow wow, lil Romeo, 3LW, lil Zane, Master P, Destiny

Child, Aleay, Alaha Keys, Mary J. B., Contagious, R. Kelly, Michael Jackson, a new car and some nix.  
Love, Kelsey

Dear Santa,  
I would like a real kerrykeenin for christmas and a barbe hotel and a baibre rolls wagon and it needs to be blue and a Aaron Carter Cd and thats all I am asking for this year. On one more thing I wish it could snow this year.  
Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good little girl. I would lik a Barbie Hotel, a Santa that talks. A Barbie doll, a globe, computer, T.V., radio, ball, chalk board Mary-Kate and Ashley swimming pool, books of Santa, a doll with a house, a doll with a car. A doll with a wash machine. Contagious songs, Usher songs, Michael Jackson song, a coloring book with 24 crayons, a bike, a doll that have beads, a doll with a stroller, Merry Christmas.  
Love, Valencia

Dear Santa,  
I would like anikip, and Nsync, 3LW, Ursher, Kelly Price. I would like to have some new clothesand shoes and Lil Romeo. I would like to have Master P, destiny child, Aleya, Alisha Keys, Contagious, Lil Zane, R. Kelly, Michael Jackson, Lil Bow Wow, a new car for my dad.  
Love, Shaquetha

Dear Santa,  
I would give you when you come to my house. I will give you coktes and milk. I want a bike that has to seats and four wheels. I would like the move Shreak. I would like a trampolene. I will feed the deers. I would like a sement pool for my hole family.  
Love, Salina

Dear Santa,  
I wood like a set fo hedfon and some tapes, a bardy cash rashst.  
Love, Heather

Dear Santa,  
I want a new purple dirt bike, a playstation 2 with games and a skatebord, a powerpuff girl plush dolls and Yono and a saxophone.  
Love, Brittany Hudson

Dear Santa,  
I wsis fo a bike with Nsync on it and some nixs on a few ring whith pretty hars in the ring and a akatebord and some books and hair boys and a dreiers and a trick bike and my mom to get some stuff and for my mama to get better.  
Love, Ashley Hendr

Dear Santa,  
I want a CD player, and some CD and a new red trick bike and a football and a kickball.  
Love, Joseph

Dear Santa,  
I would like a gateway computer with some games. I want a Easy bake oven and a trampalene. I would like a barbie grand Hotel. That is all I want.  
Love, Summer

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Dear Santa,  
I will leave some cookies and milk for you. I want a bit remote control monster truck, dirk bike, and some surprises.  
Aubrey Bryant

Dear Santa,  
Will you give me doll for Christmas. I will be good for you. I want a raindeer like you and like a little Santa like you and hope for you to say Ho Ho Ho.  
Marry Christmas, Keshia

Dear Santa,  
I want a big big baby boll and a Stroller two Strollers. I love you Santa. I wish I was like you Santa.  
Britany Sutley

Dear Santa,  
I would like a play staytion and a JP play station game and a JP movie and old vid player and some rolor blad shoes.  
Jesse Watson

Dear Santa,  
I want a dima star and a bean seen and a gocart.  
Ashlee Allen

**NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Sara Strong's First Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want tow batres, tomes the tank engine house with rollint up doors and a new train. I'll leave you some carrots and some cookies.  
Love, Logan Harrison

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, I want a Barbie house. I want a Doll. I want a candy cane. I want a puppy.  
Love, Brooklyn Kersey

Dear Santa,  
I want a VCR. I would lick to have a bick to. I want shoes, Santa I need some ering too. I will be very good Santa. I love you Santa.  
Erica Edwards

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I would a scootr and a game boy. Look for milk and cookies.  
Love, Dusty McWaters

Dear Santa,  
I want a Scotter and a pair of boots and Baby doll and doll house and pair of Shoes and a some candy.  
Love, Javiana Adams

Dear Santa,  
I have been sort of good this year. I would like a skates, boots, computer and a game boy and for every one to have a blessed Christmas.  
Love, Katelyn Hutto

Dear Santa,  
My name is Niki Lee. I have been good. My sister has been good too. I love them and they love me.  
Niki Lee

Dear Santa,  
I really want a toy car and a makeup table. I will leave you

**LIGHTEN UP**  
IT'S CHRISTMAS!

This little greeting is trimmed with our gratitude And our best wishes too... You've brightened our year It's been a pleasure to serve each of you!

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# TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

...On the twelfth day of Christmas  
my true love sent to me,  
twelve pipers piping,  
eleven drummers drumming,  
ten lords a-leaping,  
nine ladies dancing,  
eight maids a-milking,  
seven swans a-swimming,  
six geese a-laying,  
five golden rings,  
four calling birds,  
three french hens,  
two turtle doves,  
and a partridge in a pear tree.

May all the days of the season be filled with happiness, good cheer, and surprises for you and those you love. We are bringing us the gift of your purchase.

**Feel Free to come shop our Buster Brown Store.**



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# Dear Santa,

More Sara Strong's First Grade Class-New Brockton Elementary School

Dear Santa,  
I want a dirt bike and a motor-cycle and a four-wheeler. That's all.  
Love, Hunter Winters

NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Mrs. Sweet's First Grade Class

Dear Santa,  
I hope I'm on your good list and I hope my sister is too. I hope I get the little girl off of Monsters Inc.  
Payton Edberg

Dear Santa,  
I love Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. I am 6 years old. I want a jack knife and a truck and a motor scooter.  
Robert Whalley

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer and Mrs. Santa and how are you? I been a good girl this year. I won't a doll.  
Britney Magwood

Dear Santa,  
I hope I am good. May I have a new truck. I would like a new truck and maybe a new money I can watch May I get new pencils.  
Ryan Watson

Dear Santa,  
Santa, I like Santa chismiss is fun chismiss is nice. I like computers, those are fun my sissy is nice to me.  
Robyn Adkinson

Dear Santa,  
I want a Radio, hunting Game, clothes, Shoes, books, money, and a lot of surprises.  
Nathan Credille

Dear Santa,  
I like toys a lot. And I like guinea pigs and kittens too. And what I really like is May Kate

and Ashley clothes.  
Love, Amber Sorrells

Dear Santa,  
I want a 2001 Barbie. Big stuff animal, Grinch movie, Computer, Cd player, Monsters Inc. doll. Thank you Santa claus and Mrs. claus.  
Faith Caylor

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas I want a motocross suite, and a motocross game.  
Garrett Harrison

Dear Santa,  
I've been a good boy. For Christmas I want a 4-wheeler and power wheels for my sister.  
Brandon Gasha

Dear Santa,  
I like Santa. Santa, please bring me some toys.  
Cody Gass

Dear Santa,  
I like lappers. Wuld you bring me one. I want a boy babe doll. I love you. I wish I got babe doll. I love you. I love you Santa.  
Hanna Pearson

NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
Mrs. English's Second Grade Class

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a how and arrow. I wish for a 22 rifle. I hope the raindeer will eat the food that I give them. I wish Santa Claus will give me a deer. Don't forget the reindeer.  
Love, Brakin

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Love, Ebony West

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Prom, Matt Rogers

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**Dairy Queen**  
Claxton Ave., Elba  
897-5188

**DELIVERING OUR BEST AT CHRISTMAS**

The ringing we hear, could be Santa's sleigh  
Bringing our thanks and warm wishes your way  
Along with our hopes for peace on earth  
And a season that's filled with joy and mirth.

So wherever you're headed and whatever you do  
May our glad tidings travel with you!

**WZTZ RADIO**  
897-2216 & 897-2217  
& 897-5101  
Elba, AL

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Prom, Matt Rogers

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good. I would like e-kara. Would you get me a Television set? I would like that. How is Mrs. Claus? Is Rudolph alright? Please, will you send me some mail at: Clare Bailey, 7501 County Road 114, Bundidge, AL 36010. How is the group? Can you get me some rolin runners. I want new born baby, a sorries. Don't forget to let Rudolph eat his feed at my house. Will you get me a 30 sec. cotten candy maker. I would like the 2001 Holiday Barbie. A real kitten and puppy with a leash that has there name on it. Please give me 2 collars that has there name and my phone number on it please. The kitten's name is Piglet. The puppy's name is Skipper.  
I love you, Clair Bailey

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Love, Lindsey Foster

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Mrs. Tracy Whitaker's Second Grade Class-New Brockton Elementary School

Dear Santa,  
I hope you bring me a lot of presents. I want a playstation 2 for Christmas. Will you go in key's house so he will believe in you. I hope your elves are happy. I got a dog that his name is dancere and your reindeer is named dancere.  
Love, Adam Bryant

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, guitar, trampolean, computer, CD's, cd player, dog, cat, hamster, rabbit, play house, puton, piano, swing set.  
Love, Sanh Herbert

Dear Santa,  
I want a GameBoy to play. I want a gold chain neckels with an Eagle on the neckels. I need close. How is Rudolph and the other reindeer.  
Love, Jeremy

Dear Santa,  
I want a GameBoy. I would like a bike. I need a fishing pole. I would love a Playstain 2. Rudolph and Santa can you place bring these present.  
Cody

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year. I need a t.v. because my t.v. in my room has only 12 channels. I would like some games because all my games do not have all the pieces. I have a lot of barbies so I need some barbie clothes. I love to read a lot so I need a book. I want a really good piano. Game boy anence. How the Grinch Sold Christmas Lap top, a lot of juary, and I want to school. I would like some roller skates so I can learn how to skate better. I would like a boom box and Aaron Carter and Nyncy cd's with so I can dance with it. I would like a real NBA football also I would like a volleyball ball net.  
Your friend, Aubrey

Dear Santa,  
I would like some race cars for Christmas and because I want to collect them all. I would really like a bike because mine is mest ugly. I thank I am getting a playstation 2 but maybe not that is why I am asking you Sant Nick I would like a game for my gameboy and the reason why is because I only have one. Sant Nick I would like a trampoline. I would really like one of the reindeer bells please like one of the reindeer bells. I would like one of your hairs, hay how are the raindeer doing and your wife and you and frosty?  
Your friend, Brandon

Dear Santa,  
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Love, Ja'Micah

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I have been good this year. I would like to have a gameboy and a horse. I want some eds and some toys. I would like some shoes. And some dolls. And some toys. I would like some colors. And a bike. I would like a puppy. And I would like a dog. I would like a bed. And I would like a cat.  
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**NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Mrs. Moore's Third Grade Class

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year and here are some of the things I want for Christmas: A game for my Playstation called Driver 2. I would like it and I have printed out cheat codes for it. I would like a Playstation 2, but if you brought it to my dad may not be

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games. I want a bike. I would like some books. Can I have a camera. I would like some clothes and pants. I would like to have some puppies and a computer. I would like to have a cat.  
You friend, Ashley

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike, moukentril car. How are you doing. And I want a Boom Box. How have Roudolph been and I want Dragon Ball Z Movie, fishing pole.  
Love, Bernard

Dear Santa,  
I want a GameBoy to play. I want a gold chain neckels with an Eagle on the neckels. I need close. How is Rudolph and the other reindeer.  
Love, Jeremy

Dear Santa,  
I want a GameBoy. I would like a bike. I need a fishing pole. I would love a Playstain 2. Rudolph and Santa can you place bring these present.  
Cody

Dear Santa,  
I have been good and bad. I don't know what the consequence is for that but if I get something for that I want a drum set, shotgun, fourwiler, deep sea fishing pole, 30 or 4 and playstation.  
Your unknown friend, Brian

Dear Santa,  
How are you Miss Clas and Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blitzen. Santa I want a karako mestrine piano, Game boy anence. How the Grinch Sold Christmas Lap top, a lot of juary, and I want to school. I would like some roller skates so I can learn how to skate better. I would like a boom box and Aaron Carter and Nyncy cd's with so I can dance with it. I would like a real NBA football also I would like a volleyball ball net.  
Your friend, Aubrey

Dear Santa,  
I would like some race cars for Christmas and because I want to collect them all. I would really like a bike because mine is mest ugly. I thank I am getting a playstation 2 but maybe not that is why I am asking you Sant Nick I would like a game for my gameboy and the reason why is because I only have one. Sant Nick I would like a trampoline. I would really like one of the reindeer bells please like one of the reindeer bells. I would like one of your hairs, hay how are the raindeer doing and your wife and you and frosty?  
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Dear Santa,  
I hope you have a safe trip driven presents to good boys and girls. Santa will bring me a scooter and a cd player. Beacase my sister and cousin messed it up. Mary Christmas to all.  
Love, Amber

Dear Santa,  
Santa I love Christmas and do you love Christmas. Santa are cold or warm.  
Love, Audrey Johnson

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good. I will take anything you give me. Please give me some books. I would also like some of the stuff on my list.  
Love, Brandi

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a swimming pool for my family and me. I want some boots that are big hills and soft and long top. I want a skirt and shirt. I want some jewelry too.  
Love, Monica Anciso

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new bicycle. A Go-cart too. Me and my brother will ride it in our big yard. A real life-baby doll will be nice along with her. clothes, shoes, and socks.  
Sincerely, KaDesia Mitchell  
P.S. Tell Rudolph I said "hi"

Dear Santa,  
I hope you bring me some presents on Christmas eve. And I hope you are here just in time. And you know what I want for Christmas, some new sandles, and a new bike too. And I hope it rains here but I wish it could snow a lot. But I am proud that today is Christmas eve and we are going to have a party on Friday. (I love you Santa!). THE END!! (Santa Claus is nice)  
Love, Linda Delarosa

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog and a moderskul for my MoM and a doll for my Sister and a merry christmas.  
Love, Doyle Godwin

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. You are the coolest. Thank you for the presents.  
Love, Ryan

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gives me a gift I will open the gift that he gave me.  
Prom, Matt Rogers

Dear Santa,  
I have been really good. I would like e-kara. Would you get me a Television set? I would like that. How is Mrs. Claus? Is Rudolph alright? Please, will you send me some mail at: Clare Bailey, 7501 County Road 114, Bundidge, AL 36010. How is the group? Can you get me some rolin runners. I want new born baby, a sorries. Don't forget to let Rudolph eat his feed at my house. Will you get me a 30 sec. cotten candy maker. I would like the 2001 Holiday Barbie. A real kitten and puppy with a leash that has there name on it. Please give me 2 collars that has there name and my phone number on it please. The kitten's name is Piglet. The puppy's name is Skipper.  
I love you, Clair Bailey

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a library. I want a big cotten candy maker. I wish for a kany-key machine. A C.D. player. I want a daeen betty. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Lindsey Foster

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a how and arrow. I wish for a 22 rifle. I hope the raindeer will eat the food that I give them. I wish Santa Claus will give me a deer. Don't forget the reindeer.  
Love, Brakin

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a puppy. It would be nice if you got me one. My life will be complete with a puppy. A little white puppy and if you do I will smile. Next time I want a kitten a white one.  
Love, Ebony West

Dear Santa,





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## The Elba Clipper takes a look back at 2001 before entering 2002

As the year 2001 draws to a close, join The Elba Clipper in taking a look back at what happened through material taken from the front pages of the year's editions.

### JANUARY

**January 4** - Elba BOE recognizes WZTZ/WELB for being named to the Alabama Media Honor Roll. Larry Goodson begins new year as chief of the Elba Fire Dept. Dorsey Trailers announces further actions under requirements of Bankruptcy Code.

**January 11** (picture) - Ladies hang from the fountain at the Elba courthouse. (picture) - The home of Steve and Karen Petty in the Zion Chapel community was totally destroyed by fire on Jan. 8. Town of New Brockton plans Martin Luther King celebration for Jan. 15.

**January 18** - Construction of the new postal facility in Elba gets underway. Elba BOE members review state-of-the-art instruction programs. 12th Judicial Circuit DA's office establishes a website available to the public. DA Mark Fuller calls for the Elba grand jury to convene in special session to hear evidence in the first degree domestic violence case against Jonathan Leland Wilkerson, age 19, of Kinston.

**January 25** - Auditor cautions Elba City Council to watch monthly sales tax numbers closely. Four persons narrowly escaped serious injury when two vehicles collided at the intersection of Coffee County Road 239 and 228 (Crossroads). Elba County Board of Health held a meeting. Elba Economic Development Corporation.

### FEBRUARY

**February 1** - The family of Keith Clark takes civil action against Mark Anderson by filing a petition to perpetuate and obstruct discovery pursuant to Rule 27 Alabama Rules of Civil Procedure. (picture) - Elba citizens study maps of the proposed U.S. Highway 84 project during Jan. 29 meeting. Coffee County's voting list purged in accordance with state law.

**February 8** - Coffee County BOE recognizes the accomplishments of ZC Coach Randy Grant. ZC Senior Josh McHaffey and New Brockton teacher Ann Allison. Single car accident on County Rd. 415 takes the life of Costellus Dantony Lawrence, age 22, and seriously injures Jason Carter Mitchell, age 10, both of Elba. Elba Police Dept. arrests a Troy man and woman on sex related charges. Special grand jury indicts Jonathan Leland Wilkerson of Kinston on charges of first-degree domestic violence.

**February 15** - Elba sales tax revenues above projections for first quarter of current fiscal year. Commission supplements life insurance. (picture) - Elba City Council passes health care proclamation.

**February 22** - Elba utility users facing increase in electric and water rates before summer arrives. (picture) - The new "speculative building" located in Elba's Industrial Park nears completion. Long-time county BOE member Joyce Barksdale dies. (picture) - Counterfeit \$10 and \$20 bills show up in area.

**March 8** (picture) - Lindsey Gamble applies syrup to her pancake. (picture) - Elba General Hospital honors the late Brad Wilson with free planning ceremony. Coffee County School Amendment One funded project nears completion. (picture) - Walter Cox receives rotary club honor by being named Paul Harris Fellow.

**March 15** - "Gone with the Wind" visits Elba as Williams Signs works on a tractor-trailer owned by the Rhet Butler Trucking Company which depicts scenes from the classic movie. Commission accepts life insurance proposal. National Security Strong storm sweep through the Elba area causing some damage. Elba Water and Electric Board adopts a water rate increase effective April 1st. County BOE asks Gene Barksdale to serve the remainder of his late wife's term on the board.

**March 22** - DA Mark Fuller speaks to the Elba Lions Club about the implementation of the S.A.V.E. program in area schools. Docket call for the April term of criminal court. Elba division finds the number of cases to be tried. 2000 Census count shows Elba population up 4.3 percent.

**March 29** (picture) - Conferences in the 2001. Miss Elba pageants take center stage. Elba Police arrests David Lee Barnes, age 31, on charges of murder and robbery of a female in Northampton Virginia. Coffee County Board of Health held a meeting. Elba Water and Electric Board votes to increase all Elba electric rates effective April 1st.

**April 5** - "Mardi Gras" in Elba. Resigns as board chairman of Dorsey Trailers, Inc. (picture) - Elba citizens update Elba city officials on the status of the flood control study on Beaver Dam and Moore's Creek. Gov. Siegelman approves \$26,222 grant for town of Kinston to purchase a new police car.

**April 12** - Elba Fire Dept. upgrades equipment and approves the addition of Garps Wise and Greg Sowell Jr. to the department. Gene Barksdale joins the County BOE filling the vacancy of his late wife.

**April 19** - Jonathan Leland Wilkerson, age 19, denied Youthful Offender status on first-degree domestic violence charges. (picture) - Minor wreck occurs at the intersection of AL Hwy. 87N and AL Hwy. 203. (picture) - Ribbon cutting held at Customized Cleaners for new owners Dykes and Kathy Weeks.

**April 26** (picture) - Three car collision occurs at the intersection of AL Hwy. 203, Martin Luther King Dr. and Taylor Mill Rd. City of Elba awarded \$10,000 federal business development grant. Patrick Norris joins 12th Judicial Circuit DA's office as investigator. \$6.1 million federal loan and grant approved for Coffee County Water Authority project.

**May 3** - Gov. Siegelman visits Elba and delivers news of funding for the levee projects in Elba and Geneva. Elba police officers and dispatchers voluntarily submit to drug testing. Circuit Court dismisses Revenue

Commissioner's petition for declaratory judgment in Angela Byrd case.

**May 10** - Dorsey auction date set for June 1st. (picture) - Elba General Hospital honors the late Brad Wilson with free planning ceremony. Coffee County School Amendment One funded project nears completion. (picture) - Walter Cox receives rotary club honor by being named Paul Harris Fellow.

**May 17** (picture) - Ribbon cutting ceremony held at the newly opened Family Finders Regional Office in Elba. DA Mark Fuller presented the Miriam Shihang Award. Elba Council stirred by request from retiring officer J. C. Cook.

**May 24** - Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. warns citizens about telemarketing scams. (picture) - Coffee County holds the annual Relay for Life event on May 18. Elba seniors ace new graduation exam. 100 percent. Linda Hodge named new Editor of The Elba Clipper. Dorsey Elba's electric sales attributed to Dorsey's closing.

**May 31** - Rodger Bowden resigns as superintendent of the Coffee County School System. (picture) - A late night house fire at 754 Reynolds Street in Elba leads to the death of John Fredrick. County gets 37 Coffee County Water Authority needs additional sign-ups. Richard Scott McGinnis, age 19, of Elba, was arrested May 31 by the Elba Police Dept. on charges of theft and burglary.

**JUNE** - (picture) - Elba Police Dept. on charges of theft and burglary.

**June 7** - Elba Police Dept. on charges of theft and burglary.

**June 14** (picture) - A tractor-trailer driven by Samuel Steven Taylor of Great Falls S.C. leaves roadbed and strikes a fence on Hwy. 84 West. New Brockton Council adopts cost saving plan. (picture) - Elba Fly-in considered a success despite heavy rainfall during morning hours.

**June 21** - Elba BOE names Daniel Stephens as chairman of the board. (picture) - The Elba Fire Dept. contains a mobile home fire on Jones Street to heat and smoke damage. City of Elba presents hand deed to the Coffee County Habitat for Humanity. (picture) - Emergency personnel respond to a one-vehicle wreck on County Rd. 239. Levi Brown attaining college credit at age 14 through dual enrollment.

**June 28** (picture) - Fire destroys the Coffee County home of Stan and Carol Windham. Troy King begins political campaign for the office of Secretary of State in Elba. Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home celebrates expansion and renovations. Elba Council grants tax abatements to new Dorsey Trailers.

**JULY** - (picture) - The Dorsey Trailer Company announces the purchase of old Dorsey Trailers, Inc. ABC agents join the Elba Police Dept. in a major drug bust which led to the arrest of Robin

Robt A. Stinson of Elba. (picture) - Construction of the new Elba Post Office continues as the site is poured around the facility.

**July 12** - Coffee County BOE announces the hiring of Dr. Linda Ingram for the position of superintendent. Hydrogeologist Marlon Cook tours the Dorsey Trailer plant. Elba Council approves the removal of the crooked bridge for the proposed levee project.

**July 19** - Elba Fire Dept. has 10 firefighters complete a Fireman's 1 course. Dr. Linda Ingram accepts the position as superintendent of the Coffee County School System. (picture) - Ronald McKinnon holds his annual football camp. (picture) - New welcome signs unveiled for the Town of New Brockton.

**July 26** - Dorsey gets \$2 million ADCA loan approval. (picture) - Elba Marching Tiger Band holds annual band camp. S.A.V.E. program designed to prevent school violence. County resident Randy Addison addresses commission with concerns of speeding on County Rd. 719.

**AUGUST** - (picture) - Kinston Band Boosters concerned about future of the band program. (picture) - The Southeast Alabama Community Band presents its third concert of the season. (picture) - City of Elba receives an \$8,500 check from the Southeast Alabama Gas District. Elba Police Dept. announces new police effective August 1st.

**August 9** - Dorsey Trailer Company high nationwide deal as meeting in Elba. (picture) - Tractor-trailer overturns while turning off AL Hwy. 141 onto U.S. Hwy. 84 near the Curtis bypass. Gov. Siegelman unveils road two of the Tel. Mod. Wanted campaign.

**August 16** (picture) - Ribbon cutting ceremony held for Mobile Area. (picture) - Robert Cannon honored for his many years of service with Elba Industrial Development Board. Elba Council reviews 2000 census numbers before deciding on redistricting of the five city council districts.

**August 23** (picture) - The first trailer shipped from Dorsey Trailers since the company reopened. Elba Police and ABC agents seize about 50 marijuana plants. Elba Tigers and Zion Chapel Rebels prepare for first-ever meeting. Dennis Wooten hired as new manager of the Elba MarketPlace.

**August 30** - Local law enforcement makes two arrests from illegal drug operation and confiscated over 60 marijuana plants. Coffee County Solid Waste Dept. takes residents to small claims court for lack of payment. Elba firemen collect \$1,613.08 for MDA. D.A.R.E. program receives new vehicle through joint effort.

**SEPTEMBER** - (picture) - Coffee County Farmers are hard at work gathering the peanut crop. Elba BOE approves \$6 million budget for FY2001-2002. County BOE approves \$12.4 million budget for FY2001-2002. Coffee County launches 2002 United Way campaign. Commissioner Bernest Brooks elected to Association of County Commissioners of Alabama board.

**September 13** - Elba Police Chief R.W. "Ronnie" Whitworth submits letter of resignation;

(picture) - An early morning head-on collision on Coffee County Rd. 339 sends two men to the hospital with injuries. Commission votes to change the county's depository to CB&T Bank of Enterprise. New Brockton Council presents a proclamation to Rayfield Reynolds of Elba.

**September 20** - Elba Schools plan to borrow funds to finish the fiscal year. (picture) - The Elba Ministerial Association leads a community prayer service in the courthouse yard as Americans deal with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The second class of the Coffee County Youth Leadership program presented.

**September 27** - Elba Police Chief R.W. "Ronnie" Whitworth withdraws his resignation. (picture) - Dorsey Trailers shows its community support by sponsoring Elba's largest "Bottle-Competition" on an additional raise for all Sheriff's department employees. Melissa Street, the daughter of Dorsey CEO Chris Street, visits Elba and provides her eyewitness details of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack in New York.

**OCTOBER** - (picture) - Brockton Commissioner Paul Smith, the town council, as part of the annual Farm City Week activities, local students visit the Farm City Week Petting Zoo. (picture) - Governor Ann Vaughan Richards autographs her book during a book signing held at the Elba Patch. (picture) - Elba Police employees and equipment sent to the newly constructed postal facility on Clanton Ave.

**October 11** (picture) - A minor traffic accident with no injuries occurs at the intersection of Hickman Ave. and AL 203 Bypass in Elba. Elba City Clerk Donnie Morrow submits the letter of resignation. County BOE recognizes the accomplishments of several students who participated in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Commission hears that no bridges are posted on Coffee County at this time. Large crowd attends reception for State Representative Terry Spicer.

**October 18** (picture) - The kindergarten class at New Brockton Elementary School creates an American flag out of paper chains. Elba animal control officer George Haystack commits himself to finding a home for the animals and improving the facilities. The Coffee County Elba Division Grand Jury hands down 50 indictments.

**October 25** - Commission amends budget for county extension service to allow the continued employment of a part-time support staff member. (picture) - Elba High School students prepare for Homecoming 2001. Wayne Grantham selected as the new clerk for Elba. Authors Robert Inman and Ann Vaughan Richards plan book reading at the Elba Public Library. Former Elba resident, David Lee Barnes, found guilty of first-degree murder in Virginia.

**NOVEMBER** - (picture) - Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsors Pumpkins on the Square. Jail restoration project put on hold as chamber continues to look for additional funding. November brings new driver license fees. (picture) - Elba's mascot Elbie plays with the children during the Thursday night tailgate party before Homecoming. (picture) - Elba Mayor James Grimes pro-

claims the month of November as National Hospice Month in Elba.

**November 8** - Countyman Terry Spicer secures \$150,000 in initial funding for Wiregrass Regional Water Reservoir. (picture) - Fall Fling Fly-in sees over 50 planes visit the Carl Folsom Airport in Elba. County BOE selects Charles Walker as chairman and Danny Lemmon as vice chairman of the board. New Brockton council approves Phase I of the old Ft. Wood Store reconstruction project. (picture) - Elba Mayor James Grimes proclaims Nov. 13 as Retired Teachers Day in Elba.

**November 15** (picture) - Single vehicle accident on U.S. Hwy. 84 West proves fatal for James Earl Teague, age 57, of Enterprise. Elba Police arrest Michael Booth, age 45, of Elba on drug charges following a routine traffic stop. Jonathan's Island Wildlife refuge for all Sheriff's department employees. Melissa Street, the daughter of Dorsey CEO Chris Street, visits Elba and provides her eyewitness details of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack in New York.

**November 22** - A Wednesday Nov. 14 traffic accident sends three people to the hospital when a pickup car collides with a 1986 truck at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 and Ala. Hwy. 203. New Brockton Police arrested Christopher Dentinas, Silas of New Brockton, in connection with some motor vehicle breakdowns.

**November 29** - Commission hears several remarks of opposition concerning the possible sale of the landfill. (picture) - Elba Police arrested a 19-year-old male on Saturday, Nov. 24, for the annual Christmas Festival. Cash Brothers plans to revitalize the Storage Industry with Mobile Area. (picture) - Elba and county officials jointly declared the week of Nov. 16-22 as Farm City Week with an official proclamation signing.

**DECEMBER** - (picture) - Santa visits New Brockton for the town's first-ever Christmas parade. Waste Corporation of America, Inc. asks one-step closer to possible purchase of county landfill. Several citizens voice opposition to New Brockton annexation and council votes to rescind the annexation resolution. (picture) - New Brockton receives ADECA grant for two walking trails.

**December 13** - Gov. Siegelman visits Elba for official Dorsey opening announcement. Two meetings during different meetings prevent the sale of the county landfill to Waste Corporation of America, Inc. (picture) - The Forest Lake Subdivision in Elba played host to "Christmas in the Forest" as sightseers were given buggy rides through the area.

**December 20** - The annual Christmas edition of the paper featured the Greg Bailey Family as the 2001 Elba Christmas Family.

**December 27** - A look back at the year that was 2001.

